

Showing Current Law as Amended by H.R. ____, Direct Hire To Fight Fires

[new text highlighted in yellow; text to be deleted bracketed and highlighted in blue]

Chapter 96 of title 5, United States Code

§9603. Direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal wildland firefighting and firefighting support positions in Forest Service and Department of the Interior

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Interior may appoint, without regard to the provisions of section 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United States Code (other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter), and part 211 and part 337 of subpart A of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, qualified candidates to any position described in subsection (b) in the Forest Service or the Department of the Interior, respectively.

(b) POSITIONS.—A position described in this subsection is any Federal wildland firefighting position, or any position in support of such firefighting position, within any of the following occupational series (or any successor series):

(1) Forestry Technician Series, GS-0462.

(2) Aircraft Operation Series, GS-2181.

(3) Miscellaneous Administration and Program Series, GS-0301, that supports firefighting and is eligible for primary or secondary firefighter retirement coverage.

(4) General Natural Resources Management and Biological Sciences Series, GS-0401, that supports firefighting and is eligible for primary or secondary firefighter retirement coverage.

(5) Aviation Management Specialist Series, GS-2101.

(6) Engineering Equipment Operator, WG, WL, or WS-5716, that supports firefighting and is eligible for primary or secondary firefighter retirement coverage.

(7) Dispatching Series, GS-2151, that supports firefighting and is eligible for primary or secondary firefighter retirement coverage.

(8) Equipment Specialist, GS-1670.

(9) Any additional occupational series developed specifically for wildland firefighting.